

Introduced by Senator Rubio

February 9, 2011

An act relating to truancy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 240, as introduced, Rubio. Truancy.

Existing law establishes the system of public elementary and secondary schools in this state. Existing law provides that each person between the ages of 6 and 18 years, with specified exceptions, is subject to compulsory full-time education. Existing law specifies that any pupil subject to compulsory full-time education or compulsory continuation education who is absent from school without valid excuse 3 full days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than any 30-minute period during the schoolday without a valid excuse on 3 occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof, is a truant.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would make changes in the statutes related to truancy to provide the parents and legal guardians of pupils with the civil rights they need to address attendance-related problems in the worst performing public schools in the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would make changes in Article 5 (commencing
- 3 with Section 48260) of Chapter 2 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title
- 4 2 of the Education Code to provide the parents and legal guardians

- 1 of pupils with the civil rights they need to address
- 2 attendance-related problems in the worst performing public schools
- 3 in the state.